

## REPORT SUMMARY

### **Department of Commerce**

This audit report is the result of our financial-compliance audit of the Department of Commerce (department) for the two fiscal years ended June 30, 2009. We issued an unqualified opinion on the financial schedules contained in this report, which means the reader may rely on the financial information presented in the financial schedules, as well as the supporting data on the state's accounting system.

This report contains five recommendations to the department. The previous audit report contained seven recommendations. The department implemented six recommendations and did not implement one recommendation. The recommendation not implemented relates to Section 8 vouchers benefit calculations and is discussed in this report beginning on page 5.

The listing below serves as a means of summarizing the recommendations contained in the report, the department's response thereto, and a reference to the supporting comments.

**Recommendation #1.....6**

We recommend the department implement procedures to recalculate housing assistance payments when the initial calculation includes fair market rent or utility rates from the previous year.

Department Response: Concur .....B-3

**Recommendation #2.....7**

We recommend the department enhance controls to ensure the required number of housing quality control reinspections are conducted annually at each field agent office, as required by federal regulations and the department's administration plan.

Department Response: Concur .....B-3

**Recommendation #3.....8**

We recommend the department submit the Section 8 Management Assessment Program report within 60 days after fiscal year-end, as required by federal regulations.

Department Response: Concur .....B-4

Recommendation #4.....8

We recommend the department enhance internal controls to include a review of special claims approved by program managers to ensure proper and complete payment of special claims as required by federal regulations.

Department Response: Concur .....B-4

Recommendation #5.....9

We recommend the department:

- A. Establish a coal area highway improvement account in the state special revenue fund as required by state law, or
- B. If necessary, seek a change in state law to eliminate the requirement for the coal area highway improvement account.

Department Response: Concur .....B-4